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✧ James City County Police Explorers ✧

*Offering youth the opportunity to learn
more about a career in law enforcement*

by Officer Ian DeModna-

The James City County Police Department Explorers program is a non-paid, law enforcement organization whose main purpose is to give young adults a chance to begin training themselves for a career in the field of Law Enforcement.

The program is organized by the School Resource Officers who manage the troop and coordinate all training classes. Some examples of the training include, firearms safety, how to process a crime scene, computer safety as well as a variety of demonstrations from the different units within the Police Department (i.e. SWAT and Marine Patrol). Explorers are also given the opportunity to ride along with Police Officers and see what a road patrol officer may encounter during his tour of duty.

To be an Explorer you must be within the ages of 15 to 21 years of age, have a positive interest in a law enforcement or community service, be enrolled in high school or college, maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, be in good physical and mental condition, must have a clean police record, and attend one meeting per month (Maximum 2 hours per month).

The Police Explorer program has proven to be a great way to assist our young community members who are aspiring to be Law Enforcement Officers in the future. For information on joining the Police Explorer program contact your School Resource Officer or call 757-253-2481.



Holiday Safety

Tips for a Safe and Happy Holidays



This Holiday Season, do not let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars or other criminals a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but mainly because it is an opportune time for crime. Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts; stores, malls, and downtown streets are filled with unsuspecting shoppers, and people rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It is enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season.

IF YOU ARE TRAVELING:

- ★ Get an automatic timer for your lights at home.
- ★ Contact James City County Dispatch (757-566-0112) and arrange for a **House Check** to be done by the police department while you are out of town
- ★ Ask a neighbor to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- ★ Ask a neighbor to pick up mail and newspapers. If it piles up, it is a sure sign that you are gone.



IF YOU ARE OUT FOR THE EVENING:

- 🌲 Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks as if someone is home.
- 🌲 Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it is just for a few minutes
- 🌲 Do not display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- 🌲 Be extra careful to close your garage door. Do not leave it open, unless you are outside. Take your purse and your cell phone out of the car.
- 🌲 Do not drink and drive.

IF YOU ARE SHOPPING:

- 🎁 Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- 🎁 Park in a well-lit space and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- 🎁 Avoid carrying large amounts of cash -- pay with a check or credit card whenever possible. Take only one credit card. Use ATM Machines only during daytime hours or try to go to an inside facility.
- 🎁 Deter pickpockets and purse snatchers. Do not overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purse and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Do not leave your purse on a counter or in a shopping cart.
- 🎁 Shopping with children? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.





GIVE THE CRIMINALS A BREAK

BY NOT REPORTING CRIME YOU MAY ALLOW CRIME TO CONTINUE

An unreported crime is nothing.

- It didn't happen.
- No one can get arrested for possession of stolen property.
- No one can be prosecuted for the crime itself.
- No property can be returned to the owner.

Because you didn't report that small bit of crime, your small piece of a bigger puzzle is lost and another crime may go unsolved based on your failure to report.

- Other victims didn't know that there was a history of recent criminal activity on their street.
- The other victims also didn't report the crime.

Because you didn't report the crime:

- Crime prevention doesn't come into play.
- No questions were asked.
- We did not learn anything.
- No change in your behavior.
- You believe that reporting doesn't matter.
- You become a silent victim.
- You become angry and changed nothing.

You told one of your neighbors.

- You said, "The cops aren't going to do anything about it."
- But, patrol officers don't know about it either.
- Officers think it's a no crime/low crime area.

- No criminals ever hang out in that neighborhood.

You've unknowingly sent an alert to bad guys.

- This is a great neighborhood.
- No crime equals a low risk area for the criminal.
- No crime equals an area of great opportunities.
- Go ahead, commit another crime since no one bothered to report the first one.

Send a message to the friends of bad guys.

- In my neighborhood, you're safe if you're a criminal because you're unwatched and not run off by the neighbors.
- They don't call the cops in that neighborhood.
- The neighbor saw me, but drove on by. Ha! Did they think their gaze really scared me away?

When you don't report a crime, it can't be fixed.

- The next one is not prevented.
- No one knows about it. It didn't happen.
- It tells me that you don't care. You don't care about the cops, your neighbors, or your neighborhood. You've isolated yourself. Go ahead, don't report the crime.

Reporting crime and suspicious activity

IMMEDIATELY is important!

Do your part to stop crime!

Information modified from Prevention Works blog from the National Crime Prevention Council

TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME



Contact JCCPD to report a crime or suspicious activity!

Non-Emergency- 757-566-0112

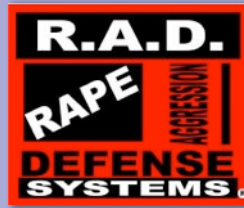
Emergency- 9-1-1

Programs offered by the James City County Police Department
Different programs we offer will be highlighted in each quarterly newsletter

Home Security Checks

James City County Police Department offers free Home Security Checks for citizens of James City County who are leaving their homes to go out of town. You can set up a house check by contacting James City County Police Department Dispatch at 757-566-0112.

The dispatchers will ask you a series of questions about the dates you will be gone, lights left on in the home, animals on the premises and key holder information. This information is then passed onto patrol officers who conduct home security checks throughout their shifts when time allows.



The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. Instructors with the James City County Police Department. For more information contact Sgt. Humphries at 757-253-2481.



Child IDs provide police with accurate and an immediate description of your child in the event that your child is ever missing.

James City County Police Department offers Child IDs for free. The card includes a photo of your child along with pertinent information that would be needed by law enforcement in the event of an emergency.

To schedule a CHILD ID event for your group call 757-254-2481



Crime Prevention Tips

The Community Services Unit would like to remind you to not leave valuables in your vehicle.

To prevent theft, remove all valuables when exiting your car or hide all valuables from view. Store items in the trunk, glove compartment or under the seats and always make sure to lock the vehicle doors.

For additional crime prevention tips or to schedule a home security survey, contact the James City County Police Department at 757-253-2481 and request to speak to a Crime Prevention Officer.



Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving
& Happy Holidays
from the
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